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SUBJECT: EFFECT OF NEW YORK CITY ENVIRONMENT PLANS ON
DIPLOMATIC PARKING

1. OUR COOPERATION HAS BEEN REQUESTED BY SENIOR OFFICIALS OF NEW YORK CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT IN CONNECTION WITH ESTABLISHMENT BY CITY OF NEW YORK OF PRIORITY BUS CORRIDORS IN MID-TOWN MANHATTAN IN ORDER TO EXPEDITE BUS SERVICE AND THEREBY ENCOURAGE USE OF MASS TRANSIT.
2. PLAN ARISES OUT OF AGREEMENT REACHED BETWEEN CITY OF NEW YORK AND UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION AGENCY AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEFENSE COUNCIL. IT IS HOPED PLAN WILL IMPROVE AIR QUALITY IN NEW YORK CITY.
3. SPECIFICALLY, WE HAVE BEEN REQUESTED TO WORK WITH NEW YORK CITY COMMISSION FOR UN AND CONSULAR CORPS IN PERSUADING DIPLOMATS NOT TO PARK THEIR DIPLOMATIC VEHICLES IN CERTAIN SPECIFIED BUS LANES IN MID-TOWN MANHATTAN.
4. DURING CONVERSATIONS WITH NEW YORK CITY COMMISSION, IT HAS BEEN TENTATIVELY DECIDED THAT NEW YORK CITY COMMISSION WILL SEND LETTER TO ALL DIPLOMATS AND MEMBERS OF CONSULAR CORPS INFORMING THEM THAT PARKING IN THESE SPECIFIED BUS LANES IS FORBIDDEN AND THAT DIPLOMATIC CARS FOUND PARKED

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IN BUS LANES WILL BE TOWED AWAY.

5. WE HAVE TOURED BUS LANES AND HAVE FOUND FEW DIPLOMATIC CARS PARKED IN THESE LANES. WE ARE CONFIDENT WE CAN PERSUADE DIPLOMATS NOT TO PARK IN THESE LANES. A FEW DIPLOMATIC VEHICLES MAY BE TOWED AWAY. HOWEVER, WE ARE CONFIDENT WE CAN HANDLE ANY PROTESTS ARISING FROM SUCH

TOWAWAYS.

6. A COPY OF WORK PLAN CONCERNING TRAFFIC CONGESTION IN MID-TOWN MANHATTAN, AS WELL AS ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION ON PLAN, HAS BEEN FORWARDED TO IO/UNP-LOUIS R. HAGE. COPY OF DRAFT NEW YORK CITY COMMISSION LTR WILL BE DATA-FAXED TO DEPT ON APRIL 18, 1978.

7. WE INTEND INFORMING NEW YORK CITY COMMISSION THERE IS NO OBJECTION TO PLAN, UNLESS INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CONTRARY ARE RECEIVED FROM DEPT PRIOR TO APRIL 20, 1978. LEONARD

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